

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT

1. STATION

Mercer

2. INCIDENT NO.

PA23-1420298

3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Tpr. Nathan B. WALLACE

4. NATURE OF INCIDENT

Motor vehicle Crash

5. DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT

11/01/23 0545 hrs

6. LOCATION

Interstate 80 East bound, East Lackawannock Twp., Mercer County, approximately 14.0-mile marker

7. PERSON(S) INVOLVED

8. INCIDENT DETAILS

Members were dispatched to the above location for an multi motor vehicle crash.

Prior to this crash, Unit 1 (commercial vehicle) was traveling east bound in the right-hand lane on Interstate 80. At that time Unit 1 entered into a skid on the snow and slush covered roadway causing Unit 1 to travel across the left-hand lane of traffic striking the median side ditch. Unit 1's trailer was partially blocking both lanes. At this time Unit 2 (commercial vehicle) was traveling in the left right-hand lane and attempted to avoid striking Unit 1's trailer by traveling on the right-hand berm. Unit 2's trailer struck Unit 1's trailer causing Unit 1's trailer to jackknife and block all travel lanes. Unit 3 (commercial vehicle) then entered into a skid and attempted to avoid Unit 1 and 2 but came to final rest facing south against Unit 1. Unit 5 and 6 struck Unit 3's trailer in the right-hand lane and median. Unit 4 a white in color Mercedes Benz Suv then struck Unit 3 at approximately the passenger side cabin door area. Unit 7 (commercial vehicle) then entered into a skid striking Unit 5 and then rearending Unit 4, pinning Unit 4.

Unit 1 sustained moderate front end damage. Operator 1 was not injured and was wearing his seat belt.

Unit 2 sustained major damage to the driver side of the trailer. Operator 2 was not injured and was wearing his seat belt. Passenger 2 was transported to AHN Grove City for minor head injuries.

Unit 3 sustained major damage all around. Operator 3 was not injured and was wearing his seat belt.

Unit 4 sustained major damage all around. Operator 4 was extricated by civilians on scene and was then transported to AHN Grove City for medical evaluation.

Unit 4's front row passenger was entrapped and unconscious. He later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. He was extricated for the vehicle by Mercer East End VFD and transported to AHN Grove City Medical Center.

Unit 5 and 6 sustained major all around damage. All Operators and passengers sustained minor injuries and were wearing the seat belts at the time of the crash.

Unit 7 sustained major front-end damage. Operator 1 was not injured and was wearing his seat belt.

All Units were towed by Mercer Auto Wreckers.

Assisted on scene by Mercer East End VFD. Superior EMS, and PENNDOT.

Both lanes on Interstate 80 Eastbound were closed. The roadway was re-opened at approximately 1620 hours.

This crash investigation is on going.